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Dr. d. O. Lawrence, Director

Dear Dr. Lawrence:

During the past series of nuclear tests at the Nevada Test Site and the Facific Proving Ground, your Laboratory has been of great assistance in making certain radiological measurements of fallout. With the announced tests in the Pacific this spring we wish to request that you again participate in this monitoring program. We are planning to have about 10 AEC installations, 20 State and Federal Public Health Stations, and some 50 Weather Bureau points making collections and all of their data will become available for your use.

Specifically, the desired measurements are gamma dose rates at three feet above the ground and air concentrations. Any other data, such as rainwater concentrations, would be useful. The measurements should start about the middle of April and continue for two weeks after the end of the text series is announced. We would likereports made by telegraph or telephone when the air concentrations reach five times background values and/or when it would seem advisable to transmit other pertinent data on a priority basis. Routine information could be treasmitted by mail. All correspondence should be directed to: Division of Biology and Medicine, Biophysics Branch, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington 25, D.C.

If you find it possible to participate in this monitoring program, will you please furnish me with the name, business and home address and phone number of the individual in your laboratory whom we may contact if the occasion arises.

Sincerely yours,

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